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'Cover-up' on chemical in baby milk

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MOTHERS of bottled babies were last night facing uncertainty after it emerged that scientists had discovered leading brands of baby milk formula contained high levels of chemicals that could impair human fertility.

But the Government refused to disclose which brands. Manufacturers, the Ministry of Agriculture, and scientists attempted to reassure parents that the milk posed no threat, saying that the levels found were well within safety limits.

But critics accused the ministry of a cover-up after it emerged that it had urged manufacturers to find the source of the chemicals, but failed to warn the public of the test results.

"Mothers will find this very frightening," said John Chisholm, deputy chairman of the British Medical Association's QPs committee. "They have a right to know the facts."

The chemicals, called phthalates, which are often used to soften plastics in packaging, were discovered in nine brands of baby milk formula at levels found in tests to damage the testes of animals, reducing sperm count, and to disrupt the female reproductive system.

Concern has been growing over the effects of a group of chemicals, like phthalates, since it became clear they might be linked to declining human sperm counts, infertility and cancer.

A review of scientific studies conducted by the Medical Research Council last year found evidence to suggest that these chemicals — which mimic the effects of oestrogen — cut sperm count in rats,

though no link to humans has been found.

Environmental groups expressed alarm that MAFF scientists discovered the phthalates in baby milk.

It is estimated that infants fed on the products would receive an average of 0.13 milligrams of the chemical for each kilogram of their body weight.

A spokesman for the ministry emphasised that the levels discovered did not breach the official levels of tolerable daily intakes set by the Department of Health and the European Scientific Committee.

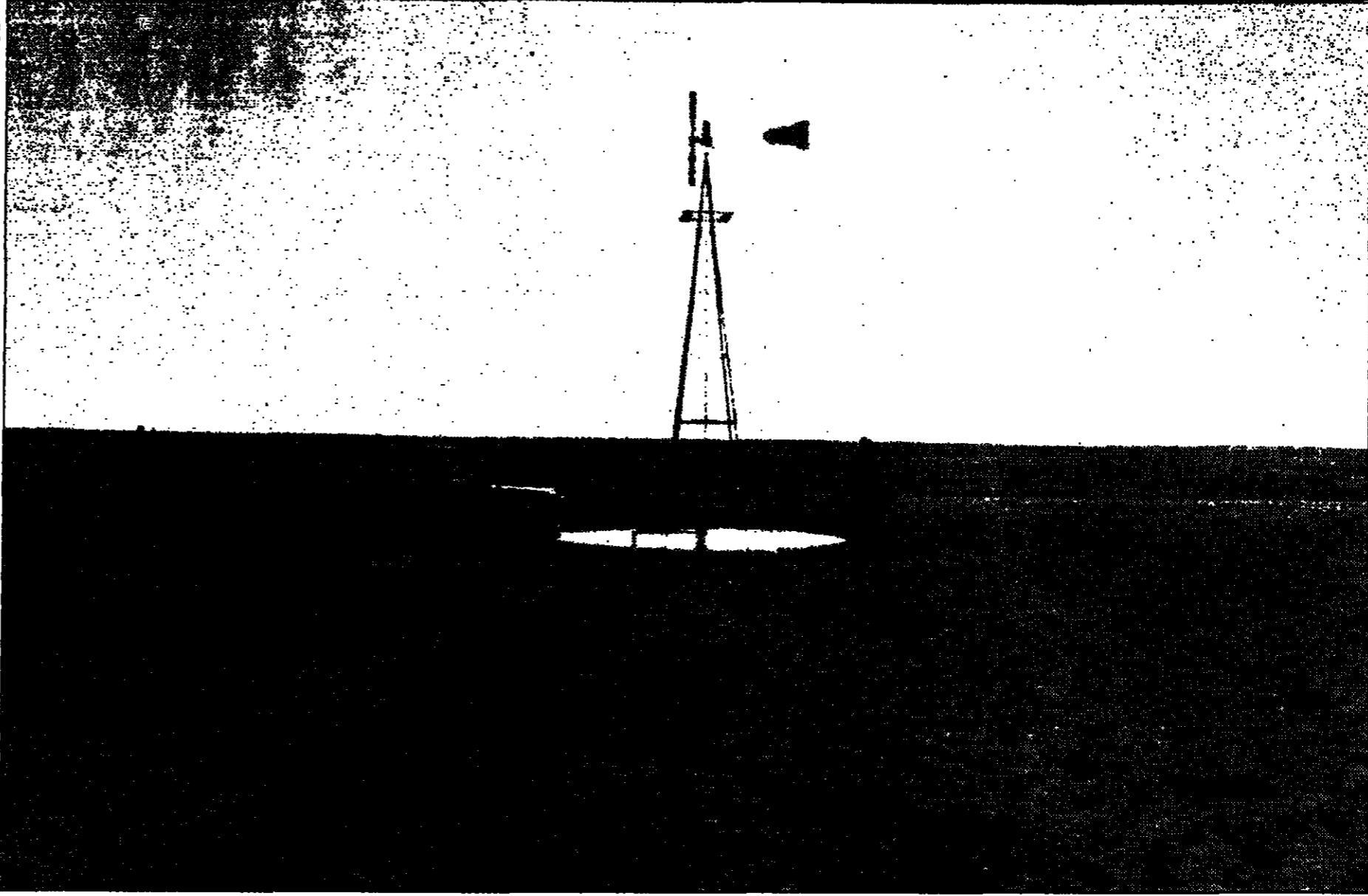
He said the ministers would review the levels if scientific advice changed, but unless that happened mothers should continue to feed the formula milk to their infants.

That view was backed by Guyana Lyons, scientific adviser to the World Wildlife Fund for Nature and a member of the government round-table investigating the chemicals.

The Infant and Dietetic Foods Association, representing manufacturers of baby milk mixes, argued that recent reports on phthalates were misleading and could cause "unnecessary alarm amongst mothers".

But Diane McRea, of the Consumers Association, said the handling of the discovery appeared outrageous. "Once again it seems the Government is ignoring the interests of consumers and their health, and putting the producers first."

Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, Nigel Griffiths, said: "We have the old tale of a government ministry cosy-ing up to the producers and ignoring the concerns of consumers. The culture of cover-up means it is very difficult to get at the truth."



A farmer in Oklahoma surveys his parched land as fears grow that lack of rain will devastate the farming belt as it did in the Thirties (below)

PHOTOGRAPH: JIM WILSON

A harsh drought revives memories of the dust bowl as the farmers watch a life of hard work shrivel and die

Martin Walker in Washington

THEY are not loading up the old jalopy and heading for the vagrants' camps of California just yet, but two years of drought in Oklahoma and a mounting toll of farm bankruptcies across the farm belt are reviving memories of the great dust bowl of the 1930s.

Farmers' seamed and hard-worked faces stare out from the television screens, a glint of tears as they sell the cattle they can no longer afford to feed, as they kick at the thin dust of their fields, as yet another family watches the foreclosure sale of land the family farmed for generations.

Such scenes are reminiscent of John Steinbeck's epic *The Grapes of Wrath* (1939), about the flight of the Joad family, amid tens of thousands of other "Okies", to the promise of the west.

Another time perhaps — but hauntingly familiar now in the farmers' faded blue overalls, in the cracked and lumpy hands that knead and twist the old baseball caps as the sun products of their lives are knocked down cheap at auction.

The cattle auctions in Texas have become nightmare scenes, running through the night and into dawn, each lot of cattle going for knockdown prices in 12 seconds. But there are always more farmers waiting outside to sell the herds they can no longer afford to feed.

"There isn't a cow in south Texas that will bring enough money to buy a ton of feed," said Johnny Williams of the Alice Feed supply firm in Alice, Texas.

Four out of every five cows being sold at the Texas auctions this year are pregnant. This startling figure means the farmers cannot even afford to feed the cows long

enough to let them calve and then sell two head rather than one.

This will mean a sharp rise in beef prices next year as the shortage of new calves affects the market prices. The market will adjust, it always does. It is just the farmers who can't.

Already suffering the second driest period since the Oklahoma Climatological Survey began keeping records in 1895, farmers in the Plains states watched what few stunted crops they had start to freeze as the temperature hit 105 degrees Fahrenheit last week.

"We got 70,000 farming families in this state, and at least 5,000 and maybe 10,000 of them are going bankrupt this year," said Dennis Howard, Oklahoma's farming commissioner. "Half of the state's farms are in critical financial shape."

Texas has now declared an emergency, saying that 40 per



cent of the state is too arid for grazing, and has asked the federal government for special subsidies to help farmers to buy feed. It is the highest number of applications for emergency relief recorded by the agriculture department.

This is the third year of low rainfall for the Plains states, and the deep aquifers that normally can be tapped for irrigation in a dry year are at historically low levels. Last winter brought little relief.

San Antonio in Texas normally gets 16 inches of rain from October to April. Last winter, 3.5ins fell. The winter before that, 4ins.

The irony is that some farms are booming — in the west and east, where they have rain.

Rain prices are sky-high, doubling in the past 30 months to more than \$5 (£3.30) a bushel. Prices are driven up by the growing demands of China's vast markets, and now pushed even

higher by the drought cutting into the expected harvest.

Even where there are crops, the Oklahoma Farm Commission reckons that this year will average between one and two bushels an acre, rather than the usual five bushels.

But in the vast swath of Plains states that make up the heartland, from the Texas scrub in the south through the old dust bowl of Oklahoma and Kansas and up into the prairie lands of Nebraska and the Dakotas, drought is stalking the land.

In the country towns of San Angelo and Childress, in the dry heat of west Texas, the mayors have issued official proclamations asking the citizens to head for their churches and pray for rain. Old farmers are recalling the hard years of the 1930s, when the topsil blew away, but so thickly that it turned day into night, and the roads disappeared under drifts of dirt.

Those worst days of the

dust bowl are unlikely to return. New ploughing techniques, drought-resistant grasses that hold down the topsoil and windbreaks of trees have been ordered by the agriculture department in the past 60 years, as the price of their farm subsidies.

But those subsidies are being phased out. This year's new farm bill will end the \$14 billion a year in farm support payments which the US agreed to give up in return for the Europeans reforming their agricultural subsidies.

Despite the subsidies and the appeals to Washington for help, these farm states like to talk of their spirit of sturdy independence. They usually vote for less government and more Republicans, such as that son of the dust bowl, Kansas Senator Robert Dole.

This year, even as their own Kansas farm boy seeks their vote, it will be President Clinton's administration that has to respond.

Chechen leader in Yeltsin talks

David Hearst in Moscow

THE Kremlin was warming up last night for the most audacious and unexpected initiative in the 17-month Chechen war. Today, or soon after, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the self-styled president of Chechnya, is due in Moscow for peace talks with President Boris Yeltsin.

No one knows how Mr Yandarbiyev and his delegation will get to Moscow or who will guarantee his security. Until recently he was on the Federal Security Service's assassination list.

But if the meeting comes off, it will be one of the most dramatic moments of Mr Yeltsin's re-election bid. He will appear as a peace-maker, responding to the public clamour for an end to the conflict.

The Chechen side confirmed yesterday that Mr Yandarbiyev would come to Moscow. Mowlady Udugov, the rebel "information minister", said talks would take

place in Moscow today "or in the nearest future". He said they would focus on a ceasefire and troop withdrawal, rather than the status of the breakaway republic.

"The Chechen side, expressing the goodwill of the Chechen people, is coming to Moscow to consider the issue of stopping the war and establishing peace in the Caucasus region," he said.

Mr Yeltsin, on a visit to the Arctic mining settlement of Vorkuta, said: "I think we will reach an agreement on a full cessation of all armed conflict."

But General Pavel Grachev, his defence minister, disagreed saying the talks were doomed to failure.

General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, the commander of Russian forces in Chechnya, urged rebel forces to lay down their arms. He claimed that the capture last week of Bamut had effectively ended direct resistance by rebel groups.

"It's not war", page 7

Woman swims to safety as ship founders off the Ayrshire coast

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Ms Crossan's cries reached Alistair Dick in his caravan as he was about to turn in at 1.15 am. "I heard her scream: 'Help me, help me. I need help now,'" Mr Dick, from Rutherglen in Strathclyde, said yesterday. After alerting the camp, he scrambled down to the foreshore where he and another holidaymaker found the woman semi-submerged in three feet of water.

"She could not move at all, she was in total shock," said Mr Dick. After being treated at the camp Ms Crossan, who

is believed to be related to an Equinox crew-member, was transferred to Ayr hospital.

Leo Murray, an accident and emergency consultant, said she was "tired and sore and exhausted" and being treated with antibiotics for a chest infection.

"To have survived that length of time in water is quite a triumph."

Life expectancy in the sea round the British coast is normally between 50 and 90 minutes. The overnight temperature in the Firth of Clyde would have been 10C.

Heir to the throne 'prefers to be just William'

Helen Nowicka

PRINCE William has reportedly told his parents he does not want to be king but would prefer to grow up as an ordinary citizen, according to weekend reports.

The heir to the throne has apparently said to the Prince and Princess of Wales that he wants to lead a normal life after seeing the intense public scrutiny his parents face daily. He has also indicated that he does not wish to fol-

low royal tradition by going into the navy.

According to the Sunday Mirror, Prince Charles was taken by surprise by his son's admission, while the Princess of Wales has advised him to wait before making up his mind.

The young prince, aged 13, has a reputation for shyness and has already had to cope with a barrage of close media attention.

Shortly before William started at Eton in September, Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Com-

mission, warned newspapers to respect his privacy.

However, when a large poster of Baywatch actress Pamela Anderson appeared on his locker the information somehow leaked out.

His teenage interest in the opposite sex has continued to receive substantial tabloid coverage, including an incident last year when he argued with a friend over a girlfriend of the Barbi twins Shane and Sia.

His mother, who was taking the boys to a rugby international at Cardiff, solved the

row by tearing the picture in two and giving each boy one blonde model apiece.

In October, after the prince attended a ball for teenagers, the Sun set up a telephone hotline asking partygoers to call in if they had "smatched a smacker" with him.

Buckingham Palace voiced strong concern and the Press Complaints Commission moved to prevent the paper using any material it had acquired.

Buckingham Palace was unable to comment yesterday on the prince's reluctance to

become king. However in his reticence to take the top job in his profession, William has placed king of the United Kingdom and head of the Commonwealth on a par with manager of England's football side and chairman of the country's cricket selectors, both notorious as poisoned chalicees.

When Terry Venables announced he was standing down as England football manager after next month's Euro 96 championships, several successful managers made it clear they were not

interested. mindful of the curse that failure to deliver a string of victories attracts.

Venables has so far escaped the ridicule heaped on his predecessor Graham Taylor.

Ray Illingworth also antagonised England's cricket fans last week when it emerged he had repeated criticism of the fast bowler Devon Malcolm in his forthcoming book. Ironically, the player was also at the centre of another row when Ted Dexter, Illingworth's predecessor, showed he was out of touch by referring to him as "Malcolm Devon".

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Opposition question Major over report of MI6 warning that Karadzic sources gave cheques to Tories

Serb cash challenge for PM

Richard Norton-Taylor and Michael White

LABOUR and the Liberal Democrats last night challenged John Major to confirm allegations that MI6 warned him as early as 1992...

Information provided by intelligence sources and an unidentified MP, the Tory leadership urged the newspaper to provide "substantive" evidence of its claims.

Nor was Mr Tancic named by the Sunday Times, which reported that Sir Colin McColl, former head of the Secret Intelligence Service, MI6, ordered his agents in 1992 to warn Mr Major...

Downing Street, and to explain, if so, why the Conservative Party was still receiving in 1994 funds from a company on the US government's blacklist.

The information which has now come to light is understood to have been passed to MI6 by an unnamed Tory MP in 1992...

Supporters of Mr Karadzic, after receiving a report from an MI6 officer about the 1992 donation, Sir Colin wrote on the report: "This should be treated as a hot potato..."

News in brief

Police wait at mother's bedside

POLICE were yesterday waiting at the bedside of a young mother who was beaten senseless by schoolboys in front of her children...

Dip in Ulster tourism

THE IRA's London bombings have shaken Ulster's booming tourist trade. Inquiries for the first four months of 1996 fell to 40,000 compared with the same period a year ago...

Health charges 'beat inflation'

HEALTH charges have risen faster than inflation, costing patients more than £8 billion since the Tories came to power. Labour claimed yesterday...

Everest climber missing

A SEARCH was under way yesterday for a British climber who disappeared after conquering Mount Everest. The Foreign Office said...

Guernsey abortion row

GUERNSEY is about to become the last British outpost to legalise abortion. Acting nearly 20 years after the mainland...

Howard 'record of defeat'

THE Liberal Democrats last night marked today's third anniversary of Michael Howard's appointment as Home Secretary with a claim that his nine judicial defeats had cost the taxpayer a legal bill of at least £300,000...

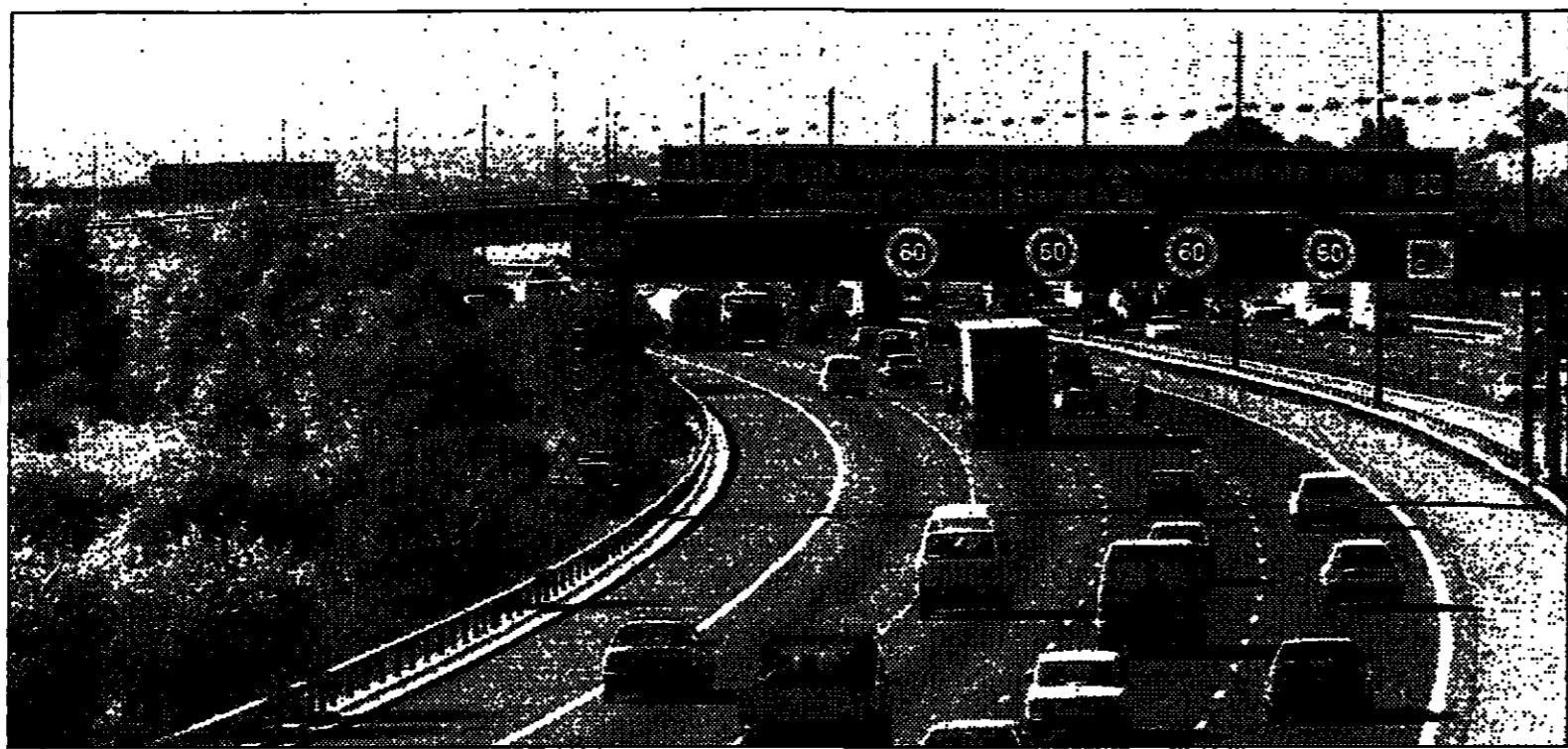
Blaze at star's home

THE £1 million home of the rock guitarist, Eric Clapton, aged 51, has been damaged by fire. He discovered the blaze in the new house in Chelsea, west London...

Speed signs cut crashes

Keith Harper Transport Editor

AREMARKABLE cut of more than 20 per cent in the accident rate on the M25 has been achieved since variable speed trials were introduced by the Highways Agency last year.



The M25 near the exit to Heathrow Airport. A four-lane stretch has seen a fall in accidents of more than 20 per cent

PHOTOGRAPH BY GRAHAM TURNER

Police figures covering accidents six months before and six months after the trial launch have shown a pattern of improvement. Drivers are becoming accustomed to leaving wider gaps between themselves and the vehicle in front...

Transport confirmed yesterday, writes Gary Young. A new edition of the driver's manual to be issued in July will include advice on how to avoid confrontation with other motorists.

In Kent last week, senior policemen will also be giving guidance for defusing verbal clashes. The provisional advice suggests motorists should take a walk after a stressed day to relax before driving.

Contact with other drivers to defuse tense situations, and never leave the car if threatened. Detectives hunting Mr Cameron's killer have released a man they had been holding for more than 17 hours.

At least 10 people have died on the mountains in this month.

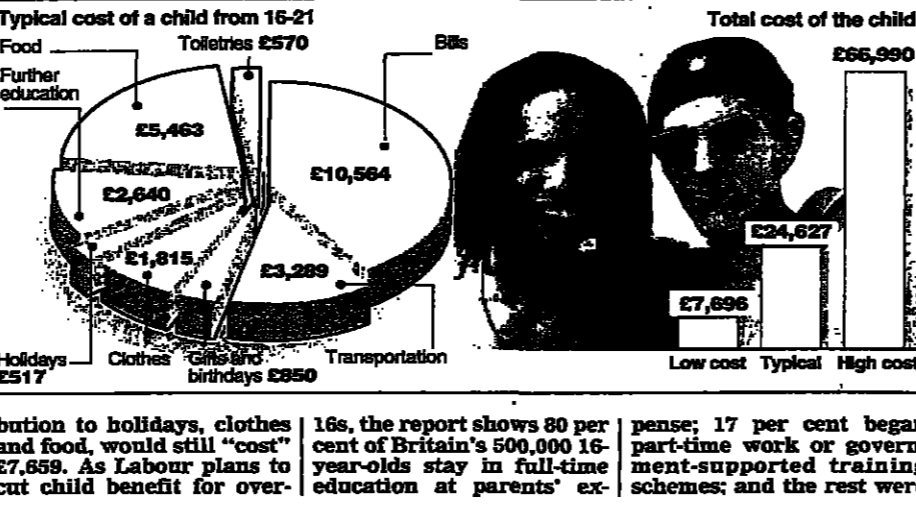
Parents face a £66,000 bill to keep teenage offspring in the style to which they aspire

Gary Young

CHILDREN in their late teens can cost their parents up to £66,190 as they approach adulthood and enter higher education, according to a survey.

Using official statistics, the report, What price a child? Volume II, by consumer expert Jan Walsh, shows that some in that age group contribute to their upkeep, but most are by no means independent.

Where the money goes



tion to holidays, clothes and food, would still cost £7,658. As Labour plans to cut child benefit for over-

16s, the report shows 80 per cent of Britain's 500,000 16-year-olds stay in full-time education at parents' expense; 17 per cent began part-time work or government-supported training schemes; and the rest were

split between full-time work and unemployment. Almost a third of those who stayed at school went on to further or higher education, where the squeeze on grants had forced many parents to shoulder the costs...

And while the survey may stop at 21 the spending does not — with the average wedding costing £9,247.

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Oxygen's head start for memory

Chris Millar
Medical Correspondent

FORGET so-called "smart" drugs which are meant to boost brain power — if you want to improve your memory take a whiff of oxygen. Psychologists investigating ways to enhance mental functioning have found that inhaling pure oxygen for 30 seconds can double the number of words people can remember in tests.

Research points way to relief of Alzheimer's disease — and hangovers

They say there is a wealth of anecdotal reports from divers, doctors and pilots that oxygen can improve brain power and that it should be investigated as a way of helping people with memory deficiencies, such as those with Alzheimer's disease. Andrew Scholey and Mark Moss of the psychology department at the university of Northumbria, Newcastle upon Tyne, who have been studying the roles of oxygen and glucose in affecting brain

chers state: "The results of this study support the hypothesis that oxygen administration enhances memory function."

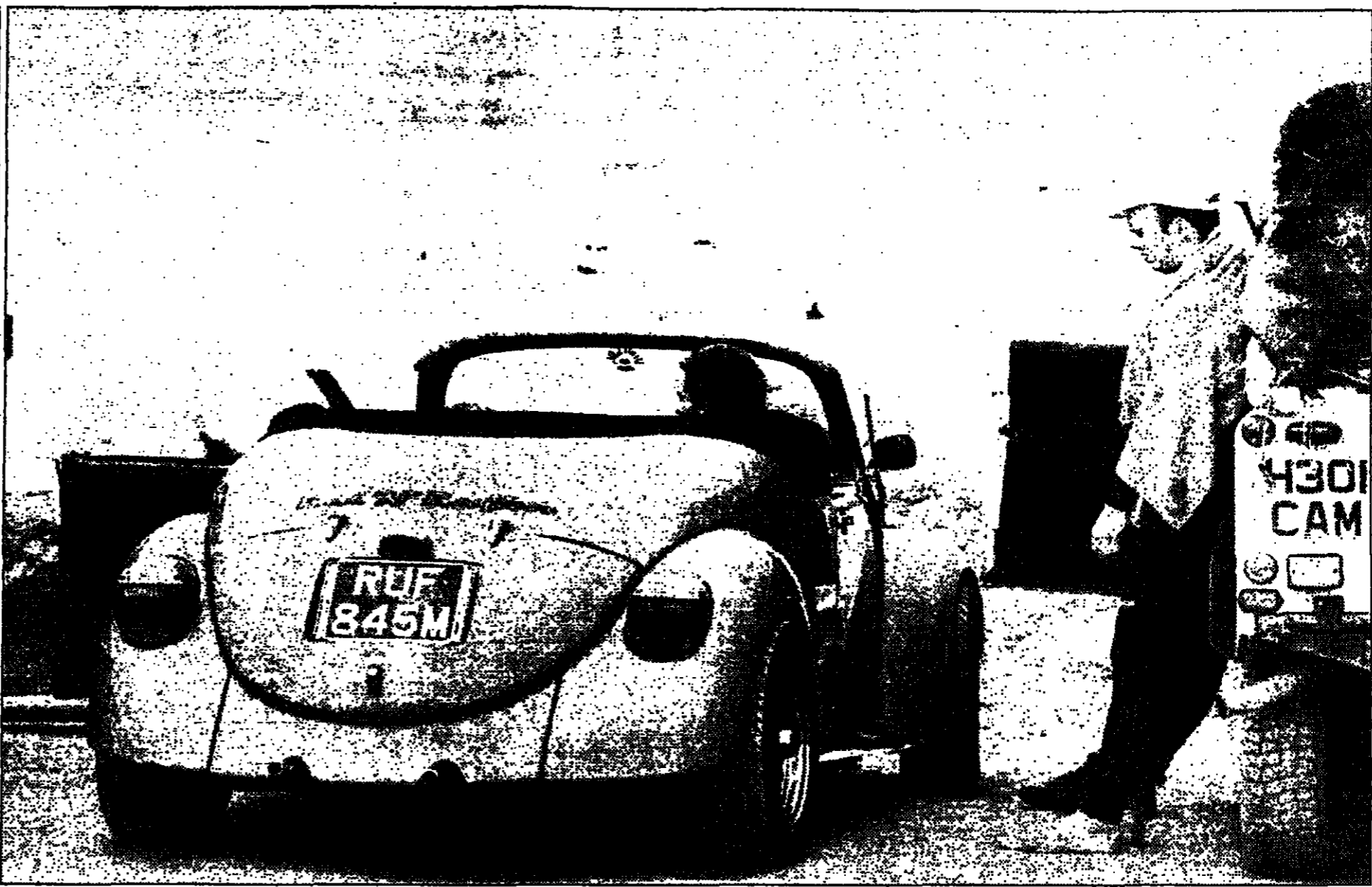
Commenting on the studies, Dr Scholey said it appeared pure oxygen could increase the brain's "ceiling" for memory retention. Although it was not clear how long such effects lasted, there should be much more research into the field as it could be a cheap way without side effects, of helping people with memory problems. "It does look as though oxygen acts as a 'smart' drug. Our interpretation, which at the moment is no more than a hunch, is that we are providing more fuel for brain areas involved in memory tasks, so temporarily raising the ceiling which limits cognition at a time when the brain needs energy to form new memories.

"This would be a bit like allowing a Mini to use aviation fuel as it accelerates from the traffic lights." Dr Scholey said there had been numerous reports from people with access to oxygen, like divers and doctors, that it could increase memory — and also cure hangovers. "There are lots of reports that oxygen makes people think more clearly. Many people seem prepared to spend money on the rather dubious concept of 'smart' drugs, but the effects of oxygen are far more powerful than anything reported for such products.

A lot of divers are reported to use oxygen during revision for tests, or if they are feeling muggy. There are stories that airline pilots on long-haul flights over the Atlantic play a game where they look at the list of passengers while taking a whiff of oxygen, then see how far back down the plane they can go getting the names right.

"There have been so many such anecdotal reports, I'm amazed nobody has looked at it before." Dr Scholey added: "If we can raise the memory ceiling even temporarily it may be of benefit to people like the elderly, if it can reverse memory deficits. It may be temporarily possible to reverse conditions like Alzheimer's at a time when it is essential to learn new information.

"People who exercise regularly are said to do better on mental tasks — this may be because they are increasing their oxygen uptake."



Life's a beach... On the coast at Newquay, where the wetsuit has taken over from the bathing machine after 100 years in which tourism has replaced fishing. PHOTOGRAPHS: JOHN REDMAN

Hotel rises above Cornish tide of change

Geoffrey Gibbs examines the contrasting attractions offered to bank holiday visitors by two seaside resorts in the West Country

Pop or culture

St Ives

- Main attractions: Tate gallery
- Hepworth museum
- Coastal paths
- Stone age villages
- Beaches
- Wintre population: 11,000
- Peak summer population: 50,000

Newquay

- Main attractions: beaches
- Terrace Gardens
- Seaside Centre
- Waterworld/Zoo
- Gannel estuary
- Winter population: 20,000
- Peak summer population: 120,000

Newquay

ALMOST 100 years ago rioting fishermen tried to prevent construction of an elegant hotel on a promontory above Newquay harbour. Building work was destroyed and a foreman's hut tipped over the cliff as the fishing community vented its anger at the loss of land traditionally used for drying nets. The hoteliers won, and the imposing Headland Hotel, which finally opened in 1900, still looks down on Fistral beach — a symbol of a century of change in Cornish life.

While the once flourishing fishing industry has gone into remorseless decline, tourism has come to play an ever more important part in the economic life of the county, with Newquay heavily dependent on it.

When the Headland was in its infancy the royal family used to take a floor for the summer season, gentry would be seen promenading in black tie, and bathing machines would be pulled to the water's edge to preserve women bathers' modesty.

Nowadays it is wetsuit rather than black tie at the resort. Newquay revels in its claim to have Europe's finest surfing beaches, and the town is a magnet for enthusiasts.

Surfing hostels have sprung up to cater for the mainly younger weekend visitors who can be seen on the beach in all seasons.

Fistral — the most famous of Newquay's 11 beaches — played host to the world life-saving championships two years ago, and is a regular venue for surfing competitions. Enthusiasts were gathering over the weekend for the European Pro Surf competition.

For Peter Newman down from London for the bank holiday, surfboards strapped to the roof of his car, the big attraction of Newquay is the number of beaches. If the wind or swell is wrong in one place there is always the opportunity of finding good surf on a beach facing a different direction.

The night life is also good, he said. Standing on Fistral as pre-

St Ives

THIRTY miles by road from Newquay more cerebral pursuits are the main draw to the world renowned artists' colony of St Ives, where painters have been drawn for more than a century.

Now visitors pour in by the coachload to soak up the atmosphere that pulled Turner and Whistler and later Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth to the small Cornish fishing port.

Many come just to wander the narrow streets in the compact town centre around the harbour where numerous studios and galleries stand alongside quaint tea rooms and shops selling handmade fudge.

And then there is the Tate, the best thing that ever happened to St Ives, according to Keith Varnals, chairman of the St Ives Hotel and Guest House Association. Currently featuring the work of the American abstract expressionist Mark Rothko the gallery has proved a huge

economic boost to the town since it opened three years ago, with some traders reporting a 20 per cent lift in business.

Mr Varnals, who has been in the trade for more than 30 years, says times have changed since the days when the local council used to put away the deck-chairs and shut up shop in the second week of September. Now places are open all the year round.

He had never bothered to install central heating in his 10-bedroom hotel, as he was never open for business during the cold weather. But he took a gamble when the Tate opened and has already paid back the considerable outlay.

Though St Ives is blessed with fine beaches of its own and attracts large numbers of families in the peak season, much of its trade comes from visitors interested in its largely unspoiled old world charm, its galleries and the surrounding countryside. "The people we get now want the coastal walks and the heritage," Mr Varnals says.



Selling point... surf boards await buyers at Newquay

arrations were made for the weekend's competition he was philosophical about the unpleasant trail of brown sludge that marked the sewage outflow at Headland Point. "You learn not to open your mouth when you fall in."

But Newquay does not live by surf alone. Families and couples on their annual break account for a huge slice of the town's annual income, and there is plenty away from the seven miles of sandy beaches to keep them occupied.

Walkers and birdwatchers are drawn to the paths that run along the tidal Gannel estuary, and families wanting to escape rain, or sand in their sandwiches, can always turn to the town's Sea Life Centre or the bloodcurdling Tunnels Through Time wax-work museum of Cornish history.

With its bustling streets and vibrant feel, but tourism officials are keen to ensure that its place as the country's fourth most popular resort, behind Blackpool, Bournemouth and Great Yarmouth, does not allow it to become too brash.

"We offer a typical British resort holiday. It's what a lot of people still want," says Jack Johnston, marketing officer for the borough of Fistral's tourism and leisure department. "We have improved the town's wet weather facilities but you have to be very careful how far you take it. You have to strike a balance and not get over commercial."

The Tate gallery at St Ives, which hotel owners credit with making a big contribution to the town's fortunes

Murder case lifers battle on

Duncan Campbell
Crime Correspondent

EXACTLY a year after a police informer confessed that he had evidence that would free two men serving life for murder, a police investigation into his claims has still to be completed. The men's lawyers are pressing the Home Office for a response and seeking a judicial review.

Reg Dudley, aged 70, and Bob Maynard, aged 58, were jailed at the Old Bailey for the murders of Billy Moseley and Micky Cornwall in 1978. All four were part of north London's criminal fraternity. One of the chief prosecution witnesses was a convicted armed robber, Tony Wild, who claimed he had heard them confess to their crimes. The two men always claimed to be innocent.

again Christian living in the south of England, admitted to the Guardian that he had lied in court to get a smaller sentence for his own offences. He said that he had never had any information as to whether Maynard and Dudley were guilty. After the interview, he wrote to the Home Office offering to give evidence at an appeal.

There was a delay of several weeks before Wild was contacted by police and he was advised to have a lawyer present. She advised him to make no comment. By this stage his nerve had failed him and he would not even confirm having given the interview, a tape recording of which the Guardian possesses. He was unhappy that there was such a delay between his initial confession and the police interview. The Home Office said that a final report on the reinvestigation was still pending.

Briefly the case against the men was this: that Dudley and Maynard, the former with convictions for violence, had murdered Moseley, a small-time villain, and Cornwall, a bank robber. The suggested motives for the murder of Moseley were that he was having an affair with someone's wife (the husband was charged and cleared), that he knew of some hidden jewellery belonging to Dudley or that he had called Dudley an informer.

awaiting trial in Brixton prison to a fellow inmate, Wild. Of the seven charged, three were cleared and four convicted. Maynard and Dudley were jailed for life with the judge recommending that they should serve a minimum of 15 years — a minimum long since passed. There was an unsuccessful appeal.

Because the men continue to protest their innocence, they are deemed not to have come to terms with their crime and not to show sufficient remorse for their release. Dudley was recently moved to a secure prison from an open prison and is contesting this move through a judicial review.

Yesterday, his legal representative, Helen Leadbeater, said: "It appears that because they still continue to protest their innocence they have prejudiced the chance of being released on licence."

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6 WORLD NEWS

Israeli lions bare claws for viewers

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

THE MAIN candidates for power in Wednesday's Israeli general election last night demonstrated their mastery of evasion in a national televised debate.

'Jerusalem will remain Israel's united capital for eternity,' Mr Peres said

on to the defensive. Mr Peres repeatedly denied the accusation that he is prepared to repatriate Jerusalem, while Mr Netanyahu was obliged to parry questions about his admitted adultery, his reported adoption of a new, less Israeli, name while in America, and his party's equivocal stance on Jewish settlement in the Palestinian territories.

Mr Netanyahu said the peace process had brought neither peace nor security, and obliquely charged the government with encouraging suicide bombings.

attack will happen today. Mr Peres, you brought our security situation to a nadir, and this is the direct result of your terrible policy, which placed the war against terror, the security of our children, in the hands of [the PLO chairman Yasser] Arafat," he said.

Mr Netanyahu, who has been married three times, fended off the question of his self-confessed affair more than three years ago. "It hurt me, it hurt my wife, it hurt my family. It was a mistake," he said.

He was more indignant when asked about his name change, while a young man living in the US, from Netanyahu to Netanyahu. He had never considered settling in America, he insisted.

Mr Peres was asked whether, at 72, age was a handicap for him. "If you had to elect a male model and not a prime minister, then the age would be an issue," he replied.

With just 72 hours to go to polling, Israel has shut its doors to almost all Palestinians from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to prevent any potential attempt by Islamist extremists to disrupt the election. No workers will be permitted to enter Israel and all trade has been temporarily halted.

Israel's borders have been closed to most Palestinians since suicide bombings in late February and early March killed 63 people. But since then there had been some easing of the rules to let some older Palestinians go to work inside Israel and allow the transfer of goods.

Now the shipment of goods in and out of the West Bank and Gaza Strip has also been halted. Exceptions will be made only for senior Palestinian officials and medical emergencies, the army said yesterday.

"We were expecting this before the elections," the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, said of the new restrictions. "We hope that after the elections everything will be removed... What is important is for the peace process to continue."

Israelis were urged yesterday to leave their guns at home when they vote. "The central elections committee appeals to the electorate to come to polling stations without any weapons, bags or packages — if possible," the group overseeing the campaign and balloting said in newspaper advertisements.

Many Israelis, especially settlers in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, are licensed to carry weapons for self-defence.

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Scots let woman take on 'heavies'

John Aglionby in Jakarta

AN OUTPOST of Scottish tradition waved its flag in the shadow of the Indonesian capital's soaring skyscrapers yesterday when the expatriate community hosted the 22nd Jakarta Highland Gathering.

At what is claimed to be the largest event of its kind outside Scotland, organisers allowed a woman to compete in the "heavy" events for the first time.

Tossing the caber, throwing a 55 lb weight over a bar, and throwing the 16 lb hammer are usually restricted to muscle-bound men whose only semblance of femininity is the kilt they wear.

But when Alison Wood, a former Oxford blue hammer thrower, aged 23, asked to take on the four "heavies" imported from the Highlands, the organisers could find no good reason to say no.

Ms Wood is not small. She is 6ft tall and weighs 11 stone. But next to the 6ft 9ins and 17 stone frame of fellow competitor Bruce Aitken, she looked tiny.

iron ball on the end of a wooden shaft), Ms Wood was not anticipating breaking any records. "I'm in it purely for fun. I'm not expecting to come anywhere but last," she said.

There was no upset. Ms Wood came last with a distance of 40ft, whereas Mr Aitken shattered the ground record, and almost killed an unsuspecting highland dancer, with a throw of 130ft 7ins.

The caber competition almost never happened, according to the games committee chairman, Norman Campbell. "When it was brought in from Scotland, in 1975, the authorities refused to allow the caber through customs," he said.

"It had to be flown back to Britain, shipped out to the Java sea and rolled overboard. A few hours later it drifted ashore in north Jakarta and has been used ever since."

Jakarta's gathering has developed into an international extravaganza. In addition to the "heavy" and athletic events, and the dancing and piping competitions, there were Maori war dancers, Australian log choppers and stone jumpers from the island of Nias, off west Sumatra. This was a demonstration of a centuries-old manhood

Never having thrown a Highlands hammer (a 16 lb



A Spanish bullfighter, Christina Sanchez, aged 24, delights the crowd after her graduation in the traditional 'alternativa' ceremony on Saturday to become the first woman matador in Europe

Opposition likely to deliver Moi Kenya's presidency on a plate

Despite the country's evident crisis, its leader is sitting pretty thanks to his divided rivals, writes Chris McGreal in Nairobi

PRESIDENT Daniel arap Moi's election prospects should not be bright, given the state of Kenya. Unemployment is rife, power rationing is routine, public services are in disarray, the auditor-general is unable to account for 2400 million of government funds; the roads are atrocious; and violent crime is soaring.

Above all, Kenyans are disillusioned with their society's deepening moral decay. Last week, Amnesty International accused Kenya of having the worst record of torture in Africa.

But Mr Moi is a happy man. He is not deluding himself when he says he can expect to be re-elected president at least until the turn of the century. Some of his cohorts are even talking of reviving a title thought to have been buried in Africa: president-for-life.

For all of this, Mr Moi can thank the opposition. A year after Richard Leakey, Kenya's controversial white conservationist, leapt

attracting members and competing in elections, thereby reducing his ability to persuade other opposition parties to come up with a common strategy.

Nonetheless, the established opposition has itself to blame for its problems. When Mr Moi bowed to foreign and domestic pressure for a multiparty democracy, his party faced a single significant challenge: the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy (Ford).

But even before the 1992 presidential election, Ford split. Rival factions have since divided again, levered apart by inflated egos and ethnic competition. There are now four factions carrying the Ford banner, all at each others' throats.



Richard Leakey (above) unnerved the government with his effort to unite opponents of President Moi (below)



to work it must be inclusive and not exclusive," Mr Leakey said. "There is clear evidence a lot of people won't go along unless it is dominated by their characters."

Some of the opposition's more sober thinkers have already concluded that an alliance is unresolvable. "They are heading nowhere," said Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, one of Fort-Kenya's most respected politicians. "Instead of the opposition wasting time forming alliances to get a single presidential candidate, let us unite and effect constitutional change to make the one who

News in brief

Albanian parties allege poll fraud

ALBANIA'S main opposition Socialist Party said it had withdrawn from yesterday's general election because of "terror and manipulation of the poll by the ruling Democratic Party, and manipulation of the poll by the ruling Democratic Party, and manipulation of the poll by the ruling Democratic Party."

Bokassa backs mutineers

JEAN-BEDEL BOKASSA, the ageing ex-emperor of the Central African Republic, yesterday voted support for an eight-day-old army mutiny and lambasted France for sending in troops to prop up President Ange-Félix Patasse.

Junta challenged

AMID growing popular defiance of Burma's military regime, Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday opened an opposition congress in Rangoon that the government had tried to stop by arresting hundreds of her supporters.

Bulgarians mob king on tour

ECSTATIC royalists mobbed and kissed Bulgaria's King Simeon II (right) as he toured Sofia's lavish Orthodox churches yesterday, the second day of his triumphant return from 50 years of exile.



France mourns dead monks

CHURCH BELLS tolled across France yesterday as the country mourned seven French Trappist monks murdered by Algerian Muslim fundamentalist guerrillas.

Greek Cypriots vote

GREEK CYPRIOTS turned out in force yesterday for parliamentary elections likely to set a policy for reuniting the war-divided island. One hour before voting was due to end at 8pm, an official announcement said more than 85 per cent of the 410,000 registered voters had cast their ballots to choose the 56 MPs.

Test-case drug user arrested

A CANADIAN who has multiple sclerosis was arrested at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport yesterday after trying to board a flight to Toronto with a kilogram of marijuana, which he said he used to alleviate his suffering.

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Mrs Clinton drops baby bombshell

Mrs Clinton gave the pre-arranged interview last week, just as the Republicans launched an ad campaign to mock an attempt by the president's lawyers to deny a sexual harassment lawsuit by pleading that as commander-in-chief he is a military man on active duty. 'You're in the army now,' begins the soundtrack, as the screen shows press headlines saying 'Clinton dodges suit, says he's in military'.

'We're not peacekeepers, we're not soldiers. It's not war. It's incomprehensible'

Russian troops in Chechnia are scornful; conscripts are tired and scared, writes James Meek in Grozny

THE captain had a bandanna wrapped tightly round his head. They knew the scorching Caucasian sun off and soak up sweat - but more than anything, it is a style thing for Russian troops in Chechnia. As he swigged bottled beer at a kiosk, and stared out across the concourse of Grozny airport, he said: 'We don't know what we're supposed to be doing here. We're not peacekeepers, we're not soldiers. It's not war. It's incomprehensible.'

the Chechen civilian casualties, that angers the Russian people and will cost Mr Yeltsin dear in the June elections. Captain Oleg's unit has lost 20 men in the last eight months - 14 in a single day, March 6, when a supply convoy they were escorting was ambushed by rebels. 'People are fed up with the war. If Russia needs Chechnia, root and branch measures should be here at all very difficult to understand,' he said. Estimates of the strength of Russian forces in Chechnia vary from 20,000 to 100,000. In the daytime they roar along the dusty roads in armoured troop carriers. By night they huddle in tents, dugouts and concrete anthills of slabs and rubble, drinking and hurling machine-gun bullets and grenades out into the darkness at their unseen enemy.



Time out from war... A Russian soldier relaxes in Bamt, Chechnia, during a lull in a bombardment of separatist forces. The rebels' leader is to meet Mr Yeltsin, who needs peace to boost his election chances. PHOTOGRAPH: YURI KOZHEVNIKOV

Arctic miners demand pay not promises

David Hearst in Vorkuta

THE presidential cavalcade turned slowly into Lenin Street. First came the local police escort, then came the first of the bullet-proof Zil limousines with tinted glass. It was Saturday morning, and the main drag was full of people. No one waved or cheered. Few turned to stop their weary trudge in the Arctic daylight. Some just stood and stared as their president sat slumped in the back of the first Zil on his way to a coalmine. Five years ago, this mining town packed the halls for Boris Yeltsin. Today, the beleaguered community of 190,000, separated from the rest of Russia by hundreds of miles of tundra, is enemy territory. Mr Yeltsin tried all the election tricks. He promised sunshine. He said he would lay on a special train to take Vorkuta's schoolchildren down to the south. He promised the region money - 133 billion rubles (\$17 million) - most of it for settling back pay owed to the miners. 'I'm going up, changing my clothes, washing up and signing a decree,' Mr Yeltsin said after a photocall 2,300ft down Vorkuta's mines. One man who did not believe him was his own economics minister. 'Total payment of wage arrears to government workers and of back pensions is absolutely unreal,' the minister, Yevgeny Yasin, wrote in a letter to the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, excerpts of which were leaked on Saturday in the Kommersant daily newspaper.

Texas student accused over Internet 'death threat'

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

TO MANY on the Internet, José Saavedra's remark was an example of "flaming" - the electronic forum's notoriously intemperate speech - but he has been charged under laws governing terrorism.

News in brief

- Qatar minister escapes attack** Qatar's health minister, Ali Sa'ed al-Khayarin, escaped unhurt when gunmen sprayed his car with more than 100 bullets, official sources said yesterday. He was parked at a petrol station in Doha, the Qatar capital, when gunmen pulled up and opened fire with a machine gun. - AP.
- Refugees' ferry** The Sri Lankan government yesterday started a ferry service between Trincomalee and Jaffna for refugees clamouring to be resettled in their homes in the war-torn Jaffna peninsula. - Reuter.
- Turks move out** A Turkish official said yesterday that almost 330,000 people have fled a 12-year-old conflict between government troops and Kurdish rebels in south-east Turkey. - Reuter.
- Cutting into hull** Rescue workers recovering bodies from the Belgian-built Bukoba which sank in Lake Victoria, Tanzania, are to start cutting into the hull within the next 48 hours. More than 50 bodies were buried in a mass grave at a weekend funeral attended by thousands of mourners. More than 240 bodies have been recovered. - Reuter.
- Iran 'overspent'** A parliamentary body investigating Iran's central bank has charged it with mismanaging the country's finances by allowing overspending, resulting in a foreign debt of \$28 billion in 1995, newspapers said. - Reuter.
- Extortion arrests** Police in Essen, Germany, detained two men yesterday on suspicion of trying to extort DM3 million (£1.5 million) from a supermarket chain by planting bombs on its shelves inside packets of orange juice. - Reuter.
- Anti-graft drive** China will launch a crackdown on corruption in state-owned housing after failing to stop officials from abusing their position to upgrade their homes, the Xinhua news agency said. - Reuter.
- Filipino clashes** Filipino government forces, using howitzers, pounded a hill held by Muslim guerrillas of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in the southern Philippines and killed about 15 rebels, the military said yesterday. - Reuter.

New twist in adoption scandal

Greeks say they were shipped abroad as part of a ploy by rightwingers to eradicate the left, writes Helena Smith in Athens

IN A NEW twist to a tale that has rocked Greece, thousands of Greeks are claiming that they were declared orphans and later shipped overseas or given away for adoption in the post-war years, because their parents were on the side of the left in the country's 1946-49 civil war. Those involved were often placed in children's homes by defeated and destitute parents, but the families expected to reclaim them. But Ms Kalafopoulou, who was herself adopted by right-wing 'patriots', said that the children were very soon being declared dead. 'In the baby-towns the children were proclaimed missing people and at the institutions they were issued with false death certificates,' she added. 'In both cases, however, they were either taken abroad or sold to people with impeccable nationalist credentials.'

endure the long waiting-lists of Greeks wishing to adopt, have reportedly been prepared to pay up to \$56,000 for a baby. Ms Kalafopoulou, whose association played a big role in lobbying for the legislation, said the new law was still inadequate.

'There were fears that, growing up full of hate, these children would be a risk to the country'

gining of the end of the huge social problem that adoptions have caused," he said. Private hospitals and church-run refuges have been accused of operating illegal adoption schemes with the help of doctors, priests, nurses and lawyers. Childless couples, unable to

Tuzla mourns the young victims of Bosnia's worst atrocity

Saimir Arnaut in Tuzla

ABOUT 20,000 people, many sobbing, gathered at the weekend to mark the first peacetime anniversary of Bosnia's worst war atrocity, the massacre of 71 people by a Serb mortar bomb fired into the town of Tuzla. Relatives of the victims placed wreaths and candles on the small square where the mortar bomb exploded on the evening of May 25, 1995. Bosnia's former prime minister, Haris Silajdzic, and Tuzla's mayor, Selim Belesagic, joined mourners. Roman Catholic Croat, Serb Orthodox and Muslim clerics intoned prayers simultaneously to evoke Tuzla's multi-faith co-existence, which survived the pressures of war. City officials unveiled a 13ft monument to the victims inscribed with verse by a Bosnian poet, Mak Dizdjar. 'Here one does not live only to live, here one does not live only to die, here one dies to live.' A mortar bomb fired from Serb-held hills outside the town plunged into its night-life district when restaurants and cafes were packed, slaughtering 71 mainly young people, and wounding scores of others. But although Tuzla was intermittently shelled, it was spared close-quarter fighting. 'This was a day of sorrow, but the Bosnian people resist revenge and showed that Bosnia is defended by humanity,' Mr Belesagic said. Fajeta Mehmedovic, aged 19, a witness to the slaughter, said: 'I am haunted by the images of people that perished. We cannot forget and forgive, but we have to go on living.' Of the 71 victims, 49 Muslims, Croats and Serbs have been buried in a common grave at their families' request. - Reuter.

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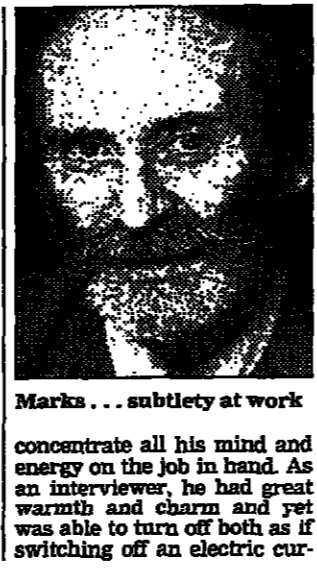
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Edward Gurney



First from Florida... Edward Gurney, the Republican

Shooting star

EDWARD GURNEY, who has died aged 82, was one of the few United States senators prepared to go to the political shambles for Richard Nixon during the Watergate crisis...

Laurence Dowdall

Legendary flourishes

VERY FEW lawyers become household names but Laurence Dowdall, who has died at the age of 69...

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HE certainly lived up to his image, repeatedly going out of his way to put the best possible interpretation on the 35 witnesses' increasingly damaging testimony...

Birthdays

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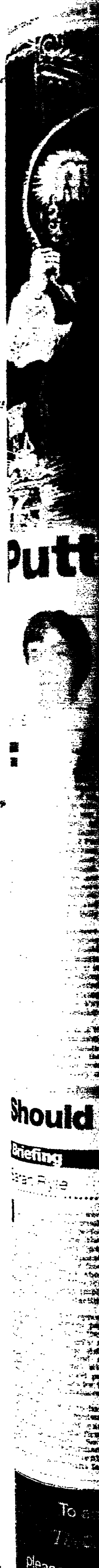
BUT, in the beginning, for the first and almost only time, the resurrected Olympics were a sweet, apolitical, amateurish sporting carnival held in Athens during 10 unseasonably cold days in April 1896...

Flashing God

ON TUESDAY February 13, God was sent down for nine months in San Rafael, California, when he was found guilty of indecently exposing himself to a woman in a coffee shop last October. God, 68, has been arrested 18 times for similar offences since 1978...

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Racing

Bonus time for Trigger

Chris Hawkins expects champion stayer to lead all the way at Sandown

DOUBLE TRIGGER, the champion stayer, is the star turn on a good card at Sandown Park this afternoon when he attempts to win the Bournemouth Henry II Stakes for the second year running.

Taking this contest in his stride last season, he went on to win the Ascot Gold Cup and added the Goodwood and Doncaster Cups to complete the treble last achieved by Longboat in 1966.

What makes Double Trigger so remarkable is his appetite for a scrap and the way he responds to pressure. On his reappearance at Ascot he was one of the first to come off the bit but kept finding more to get up and beat Grey Shot a head.

That would not rank as one of his best efforts in terms of form and it is possible he will be opposed in the market this afternoon by Moonax who beat him comprehensively in the Yorkshire Cup last season.

Moonax meets Double Trigger on no less than 7lb better so the book has a good chance but the mile and three-quarters of the Yorkshire Cup was patently inadequate for Double Trigger who got his revenge in no uncertain manner in the Ascot Gold Cup.

Court of Honour ran well at York 11 days ago when third to Classic Clutch with Grey Shot a disappointing fourth but Assessor was well beaten by Double Trigger's full brother Double Eclipse in France recently and should not be a threat.

Although afraid of Moonax, I still make Double Trigger (3.05) the selection and hope to see Jason Weaver attempt to make all the running on this afternoon and it would be no surprise to see her bustle up the form choice Strike Pad, hampered when third to Dance Parade at York on her debut.

Horses cannot always be relied upon for maximum effort and Friends Ca (2.35) may be one of these. She certainly surprised connections when scoring at Chester last time (leaving Richard Hanon's travelling head-lad, the ever-optimistic Taffy Williams, speechless) but so impressive was she that another win looks likely in the Bournemouth Fillies Handicap.

Jack Berry's horses have been slower to come to hand this season than usual and his very smart sprinter Mind Games makes a belated reappearance in the Tripleprint Temple Stakes.

I say belated because by this time last season he had already won twice before scoring up the Sandown hill to take this group two event.

Mind Games is well drawn today but his lack of an outting is a worry against rivals who should all be super-fit. The physically impressive Espartero and the filly Double



Double top... Mind Games (noseband) bids to win today's Tripleprint Temple Stakes at Sandown for the second year running

PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN LYNCH

Quick are talented handicappers attempting to make the step up to group company but they may find one or two just a shade too quick here.

The Doubleprint Whitsun Cup over a mile is always a tight handicap and often a pointer to the Royal Hunt Cup.

Cool Edge has been very consistent this season but the same cannot be said for Royal Philosopher who failed abysmally at Haydock last time after winning the Newbury Spring Cup at 25-1 in a fast time. One can get bogged

down in these sort of races if going into the form in too much detail and it could pay to take a chance with the Stoute-trained Hammerstein (4.10) who is untied in handicap company but should relish the testing finish here.

Hammerstein, by Kris out of Musical Bliss, was highly thought of as a two-year-old and could have a touch of class.

There is a plethora of racing today and at Cheltenham I like the look of Bowled Over (2.00) in the St Arvans Maiden Stakes. He finished well when third to Legal Right at Cheltenham and should appreciate this trip.

Other likely winners on this card appear to be Xenophon of Cunaxa (3.30), rather unluckily disqualified after winning at Newbury last week, and Intiaash (4.30).

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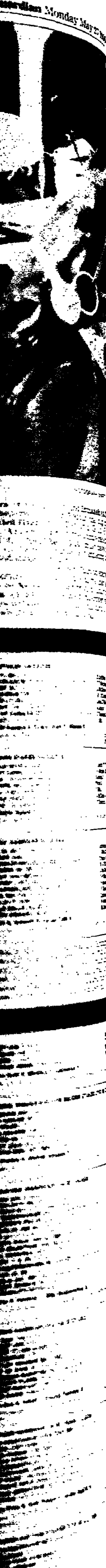
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Racing

Chris Hawkins on the veteran jockey who ended an eventful week with a second ban and a victory in the Irish 1,000 Guineas

Old hat makes no appeal to Carson

WILLIE CARSON was not appealing against the five-day ban imposed on him by the Curragh stewards for wearing an out of date helmet after he had won the Airfie Coolmore 1,000 Guineas on Matiya on Saturday.

After all, he has won both the French and Irish 1,000 Guineas in the space of two weeks which hardly suggests he is over the hill. Certainly neither of his mistakes, resulting in bans, can be attributed to loss of nerve.



Carson... no appeal Hanbury... Guineas joy

The French 2,000 Guineas on Spinning World when winning the Irish version on the colt at the Curragh yesterday. Asmussen failed to get out in time on Spinning World when runner-up to Ashkanani at Longchamp two weeks ago but he did not make the same mistake this time, pulling to the outside fully three furlongs from home.

son of Nureyev in great shape but the problem for his success was the soft ground which saw him backed down to 7-4 favourite. Pease said: "I was disappointed with the way the race evolved at Longchamp but at least it showed one had a good horse and it was worth coming here. Now we've got a very nice consolation prize."

At Deauville yesterday, Mistle Cat led all the way to beat Myself and Young Ern and gave rider Wendell Woods cause for a double celebration after his wedding at Newmarket on Saturday.

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Soccer

International: US 2, Scotland 1

Scots fail to stay the course

Patrick Glenn in Connecticut

SCOTLAND'S slip showed a little in New England yesterday, but not enough to cause concern...

channel, he delivered an impeccably weighted pass, allowing Jess to beat Sommer in the chase but disappoint the travelling fans by lofting the ball over the goalkeeper...



Bradford breakthrough... Hamilton, right, celebrates with Duxbury after scoring at Wembley yesterday

Second Division play-off final Bradford City 2, Notts County 0

Hamilton's high point

Trevor Haylett at Wembley ON a cool, damp Wembley afternoon Bradford City's joy at arriving at the old stadium after 93 years of trying counted for more...

Third Division play-off final: Darlington 0, Plymouth Argyle 1

Pilgrims make their progress by the talismanic ring road

Don Best at Wembley THE progress of the Pilgrims' supporters along the North Circular road on their first trip to Wembley reflected Argyle's season...

To survive this sudden-death ordeal like a talisman in the manager Neil Warnock, he has achieved success in four play-off finals, twice with Notts County...

standard of a move he had orchestrated. After that Argyle, with the speed of Littlejohn a constant threat, always looked the likely winners...

During the first half Burley and Gemmill impressed enough to suggest that they will not be out of place at Euro 96...



Jones... spectacular winner

Wales are eclipsed by the Orient

WHILE England were campaigning in the Far East, Wales went in pursuit of their own taste of the Orient yesterday and found it pretty unpalatable...

Hoey calls for clean-up of 'seedy private club'

THE Labour MP Kate Hoey, a long-time critic of the England coach Terry Venables' business dealings, yesterday turned her guns on the British game and demanded "urgent action to clean up the whole murky world of agents, transfer fees and payments"...

Managerial miracle workers vie for the final piece

Russell Thomas MARTIN O'NEILL and Dave Bassett vie this afternoon to complete a transformation of personal fortunes that mirrors the startling change in Leicester and Crystal Palace faces this season...

Leicester regain Premiership status at Palace's expense

The Ulsterman concedes his team's playing poor football "when he came under attack. But now the mood has been transformed by seven unbeaten games that have whisked them to Wembley..."

Rugby League

Super League: Oldham 27, Workington Town 29

Kitchin sinks grizzling Bears

Paul Fitzpatrick

AS THIS curio of a game came to a close Graeme Fields burst forth over the Watersheddings Training warbling "Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye"...

He was then confronted by a small but highly disgruntled group of fans demanding his resignation. Goodway will not give them that satisfaction but the pressure is mounting on Oldham's young coach...

American Football

Hastings saves the day for Claymores

Mike Carlson

PAUL McCALLUM'S 46-yard field goal two seconds from time gave the Scottish Claymores a 20-17 victory over Sean in Cham...

Hockey

International: Great Britain 1, Germany 2

Copp out of luck in first match

Pat Rowley at Milton Keynes

JOHN COPP failed to celebrate his appointment as Britain's Olympic team coach when, in his first game in charge, the Olympic champions Germany defeated Britain...

Equestrianism

Funnell takes title for second time

John Kerr at Windsor

PIPPA FUNNELL, having led throughout on Marshland Rubic, landed the Windsor International Horse Trials three-day event title for the second successive year...

Cricket

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Errant Bronco Cochrane is odds-on to be busted

LONDON BRONCOS will play their first home match for six weeks when they meet Oldham at The Valley on Sunday but they are likely to be without their centre Evan Cochrane...

Exclusive: Lion in England strip drinks pint of lager

Lion in England strip drinks pint of lager. http://www.carlsberg.co.uk

Sport

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Golf

Lawrie in blazing pursuit

David Davies at Wentworth

TWO complete classicists, Costantino Rocca of Italy and Mark McNulty of Zimbabwe, lead the Volvo PGA Championship after three rounds. Both scored 69 yesterday for 11-under-par totals of 203.

come out guns a'blazin', which is what happened. Nobody, of course, works harder than Faldo but perhaps he could do with the kind of lesson his mentor gave Lawrie. "It's a struggle at the moment," he said. "I've got no touch. You've got to bash them on these greens and I'm not so good at that."

Iron resolve... Mark McNulty, who ended the day as joint leader, refuses to be kept in the shade on Wentworth's 9th fairway

miss one would mean starting all over again. It concentrates the mind wonderfully. This game can be desperately difficult at times, as Steve Webster is rapidly discovering. It was this 21-year-old from Atherton in Warwickshire and not the much-trumpeted Gordon Sherry who finished as leading ama-

day, after taking a double bogey on the long 17th, he decided to shift a twig some two feet from his ball — which promptly moved. "I still can't see how it happened," said Webster. "It was like magic."

thereafter to birdie the 16th and 17th and get round in 70, a score that will have pleased his anxiously supportive mother Val. Her husband Terry said: "I don't know why she comes. She can't watch him drive and she can't watch him putt." Nor, from now on, will he move twigs in the woods.



Iron resolve... Mark McNulty, who ended the day as joint leader, refuses to be kept in the shade on Wentworth's 9th fairway

Athletics

Zelezny throws down gauntlet

Duncan Mackay

JUST when it looked safe to sit at the far end of an athletics stadium the javelin has taken another flight into the unknown. On Saturday in Jena Jan Zeleny of the Czech Republic produced a world-record throw of 88.48m, nearly three metres further than the previous mark of 85.65 that he set at Sheffield in 1993.

TENNIS: THE FRENCH OPEN

Muster rolls in with all but Becker

Stephen Bierley in Paris

MUSTER'S ankle, Sampras's back, Becker's thigh. The build-up to the French Open has been a litany of injuries but in the end the only leading player missing is Becker and his chances of winning here at Roland Garros were about as likely as finding a bottle of Armani wine in a Parisian restaurant.

match against a lowly ranked Spaniard, Jacobo Diaz. Neither Agassi nor Sampras has bothered much with the European clay-court season this year. A decision that has prompted some caustic comments from Muster, who believes tournaments such as the Italian Open and Monte Carlo are being devalued.

Top two promise a rare treat

Graf and Seles return and Paris is praying for a rematch, says Stephen Bierley

IT WAS the early bird who caught the best of the weather in Paris yesterday and Monica Seles was up bright and early at Roland Garros, beginning at two-hour practice sessions at just after eight o'clock when the Bois de Boulogne was all but silent.

Graf opens up against Larisa Neiland tomorrow and yesterday afternoon pronounced herself in excellent physical shape, a rarity for her this year.

Grand Slam title here in 1990, and now has a further eight to her credit, four in Australia and two in the US. Only Wimbledon awaits to crown her. Seles made her comeback in Madrid last week but after one victory withdrew after getting a bye to the semi-final.

Graf and Seles... recent mental and physical struggles

Women's tennis desperately needs the direct tournament rivalry between Seles and Graf, and needs it to be prolonged. Another riveting final between these, the two best players in the world, would lift the women's game enormously and set up Wimbledon as a treat.

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Italian Open when she lost in the quarter-finals to the Swiss teenager Martina Hingis. Since Rome she has won a tournament in Berlin and, she believes, regained her confidence. "The thing that burdened me in Italy was I played such bad tennis. It wasn't just the match against Martina, it was every time I went on court. I felt I had no control and that worried me."

Weekend results

Table with columns for Soccer, Second Division League, and Third Division League, listing match results and scores.

Rugby Union

Table listing rugby union fixtures and results, including Championship and Cup matches.

Rugby League

Table listing rugby league fixtures and results, including Super League and Championship matches.

Athletics

Table listing various athletics events, including 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1000m, 1500m, 2000m, 3000m, 4000m, 5000m, 6000m, 8000m, 10000m, 15000m, 20000m, 30000m, 40000m, 50000m, 60000m, 80000m, 100000m, 150000m, 200000m, 300000m, 400000m, 500000m, 600000m, 800000m, 1000000m.

American Football

Table listing American football fixtures and results, including NFL and CFL games.

Baseball

Table listing baseball fixtures and results, including MLB and NPB games.

Ice Hockey

Table listing ice hockey fixtures and results, including NHL and international games.

Swimming

Table listing swimming fixtures and results, including international and national competitions.

Sport in brief

Table listing brief news items from various sports, including chess, badminton, and cycling.

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Sports Guardian

David Lacey sees Ferdinand's goal clinch a meaningless 1-0 victory for England before a disillusioned Hong Kong crowd

Fruitless toil in Eastern gloom

ENGLAND'S last public performance before the European Championship was as dull as the skies which drenched the prosaic proceedings in luke-warm rain. By the end of a damp, humid afternoon the atmosphere in the Hong Kong Stadium bore comparison with a bowl of bird's nest soup. If only the fare on offer had been even half as appetising.

England played the second match of their Far East tour in Maoist grey masquerading as indigo-blue and did little to divert the spectators' attention from the shape of things to come. Nor was any further light cast on the shape of Venables's squad for Euro 96.

England defeated Hong Kong Golden Selection, a pink-shirted hybrid of British and European ex-pats with the odd obligatory Chinaman thrown in, through a header from Les Ferdinand just past the half-hour. The match was heavily endowed with the

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trappings of a big occasion — all press conferences and presentations — but in reality it was a sponsors' junket and the poor quality of the football reflected this.

The chants of "what a load of rubbish" from both the home crowd and visiting England fans needed no translation. Spectators had paid the equivalent of between £16 and £30 for entertainment which was roughly on a par with an illustrated lecture on the history of the Cantonese nose flute, and at least the latter would have held the attention of any passing nasal flautists.

Mercifully Venables did not attempt to camouflage the poverty of an England display that was as uninspired as the 3-0 win over China in Beijing three days earlier had been encouraging. "We didn't play as well as we expected to," he said. "There are still some things we have to work on but teams are never going to lie down for us to walk over."

With old English sweets like Mike Duxbury, Carlton Fairweather and the guesting Dave Watson in their side, Hong Kong Golden were never going to do that. In fact

their best player, the 35-year-old Dutchman Martin van der Sander, exposed the limitations of first Ferdinand and then Alan Shearer against tight-marking before Watson did England a favour by clashing heads with his new colleague. Van der Sander missed the last 10 minutes with a head cut.

Avoiding the sort of accidents these dodgy dress rehearsals have brought in the past turned out to be England's most significant achievement. In 1986 Gary Lineker cracked a wrist in Vancouver after the FA had deemed it essential that England play Canada between finishing pre-World Cup training at Colorado Springs and flying down to Mexico.

Four years later Bobby Robson's team hopped over to Tunis from Sardinia shortly before their opening fixture of Italia 90 in Cagliari. A fraught afternoon saw England narrowly avoid defeat against Tunisia and Terry Butcher pilloried on television for chinning an opponent.

This time the most obvious accident-in-waiting confined his appearances to kick-ins before and during the game. The crowd, appreciative Paul Gascoigne's latest blond hair-rinse, a golden wonder in itself, but were denied his skills by the blister he had picked up in Beijing.

Playing Gascoigne was not worth the risk but the spectacle demanded his artistry all the same. Steve McNamara saw a lot of the ball on the left and set up England's goal in the 33rd minute when he slipped past Van der Sander near the byline and provided the pass which enabled Sheringham to find Ferdinand's head with a well-aimed centre. Yet on other occasions the Liverpool player's right-footedness looked a handicap on that flank.

The discomfort of Steve Howey, back from a hamstring injury but now afflicted by a calf strain, will make news of Gary Pallister's sciatica an item of greater urgency when England arrive home tomorrow. Sol Campbell, Ugo Ekiogu, eventually replaced Howey.

The fact that Tony Adams has played two full games for England after his 3½-month recovery from a cartilage operation may prove the main gain from this questionable Oriental exercise. But doubts remain about his ability to operate in a three-man defence at tournament level.

Not unreasonably Venables said he was satisfied with the outcome of nine days which have seen England beat Hungary and China 3-0 and survive Hong Kong with no last-minute casualties. "England should come to this part of the world at least two or three times before the 2002 World Cup to find out what it's all about," he added.

As if Hong Kong did not have enough to be depressed about just now.

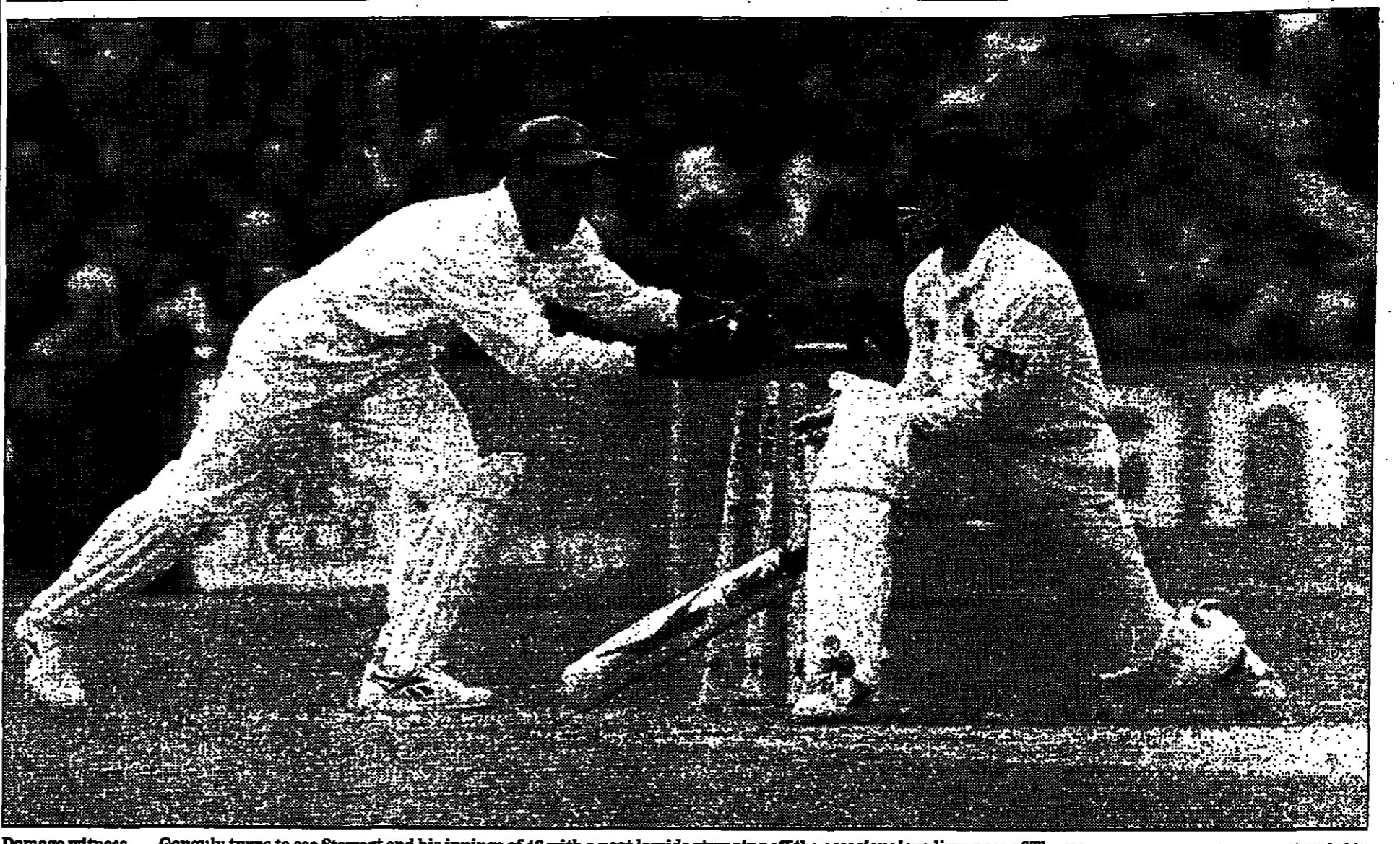
HONG KONG GOLDEN SELECTION: Hasford; Duxbury, Watson, Van der Sander (Lucey, Shing-Kit, Bani); Granger, Gaba, Roberts, Lee Fook-wing, Pakka (Pang Kam-chuen, 75), Fairweather, Bullen.

ENGLAND SENIORS (Arsenal): P. Neill (Manchester United), Adams (Sheff Wed), Howey (Newcastle United), Campbell (Tottenham), Pearce (Bolton/West Ham), Steves (Nottingham Forest), Anderson, Tottenham, 62, Iles (Internazionale), Priest (Aston Villa), McNamara (Liverpool), White, Blackburn, 70, Fardouzi (Newcastle United), Shearer, Blackburn, 61, Sheringham (Tottenham), Fowler, Liverpool, 71, Robinson (Manchester United).



Venables... game for a laugh

BANK-HOLIDAY OVERTIME FOR UNLUCKY TOURISTS AS RAIN STOPS PLAY AGAIN



Damage witness... Ganguly turns to see Stewart end his innings of 46 with a neat legside stumping off the occasional medium pace of Thorpe

Third Texaco Trophy One-day International: England v India

Indians scent a silver lining

Headingley, India played themselves out of trouble, shrugging off the early loss of Sachin Tendulkar with a half-century from his fellow opener, Vikram Rathore, 46 from Saurav Ganguly in his first match of the series and, most telling of all, an unbeaten 73 in 64 balls from Mohammad Azharuddin, a masterpiece of eye-play and steady wristiness.

With Ajay Jadeja (29) first of all and then with Rahul Dravid (22 not out), the Indian captain attacked so decisively into the later stages of the innings that England conceded 86 runs from the final 10 overs.

Although the England fielding maintained its high standard of the previous matches, with Matthew Maynard outstanding, there was a little of the sparkle missing from the bowlers after. Dominic Cork had made a vital breakthrough in the fifth over. Attacking the crease hard-

quarred him up, and Cork found the edge of Tendulkar's bat and Hick made no mistake with the catch at second slip.

Cork almost ran into the outgoing batsman, so exuberant was his follow-through. The rain arrived two overs later, and on the resumption at 2.20, Rathore and the left-hander Ganguly set about rebuilding the innings with a second-wicket partnership of 92, both batsmen taking advantage of some width from the bowlers, particularly Peter Martin.

It was a piece of innovative thinking from Atherton that made the breakthrough for England. Graham Thorpe had bowled only eight overs of his gentle medium pace in 27 matches but he was called up to bowl and Rathore, who had hit four fours in his 54, obligingly lofted his fourth delivery to Cork at long-on. It was Thorpe's first international wicket and four overs later he had another, as Ganguly missed a leg-gance and Alec Stewart brought off a neat leg-side stumping.

Thorpe was allowed to rest on his laurels, having taken two for 15 from four overs, but it was not to be Stewart's last contribution. As the innings was coming towards its end, Jadeja, stepping inside Cork and attempting to smear him over extra cover, got an edge and Stewart, diving away to his right, held a gymnastic one-handed catch. For good measure, he threw the ball in the air and caught it behind his back.

Unfortunately some damage had already been done for the previous overs had seen Jadeja and Azharuddin embark on an onslaught that began Azharuddin hitting Neil Smith's off-spin over long-on and midwicket for successive sixes. Nor did Lewis escape as Jadeja launched an outrageous shot over extra cover for another six. The pair added 77 in nine overs that may have transformed the match.

Scoreboard

INDIA	
V Rathore c Cork & Thorpe	84
S R Tendulkar c Hick b Cork	1
S Ganguly st Stewart b Thorpe	46
Bowling: Cork, 10-0-35-2; Lewis, 10-0-50-0; Gough, 10-1-45-0; Martin, 10-0-50-0; Smith, 6-0-39-0; Thorpe, 4-0-15-2	
ENGLAND	
M A Atherton lbw b Srinath	0
A D Brown not out	0
M K Smith not out	1
Extras (NB)	4
Total (for 1, 1 over)	2
Fall of wickets: 1, 10, 15, 18, 22	
Did not bat: A Kurlyk, M R Mongia, J Srinath, S L V Raju, B K V Prasad, Bopanna, Cork, 10-0-35-2; Lewis, 10-0-50-0; Gough, 10-1-45-0; Martin, 10-0-50-0; Smith, 6-0-39-0; Thorpe, 4-0-15-2	
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Illy risks all he holds dear

David Hopps on the fall from high of England's chairman

IT IS debatable whether Socrates or the Labour Party was responsible for the longest suicide note in history, but Raymond Illyworth seems hell bent on producing the loudest.

His rule as the Great Autocrat having failed to rally England's cause, Illyworth is determined to retire as a suffering martyr, imagining himself as a frank and honest Yorkshireman perpetually obstructed by the unprincipled scheming of his class enemies within the Test and County Cricket Board.

He will depart a bitter man at the end of the summer, he pronounces, forced out by his detractors' constant carping. Come again? The understanding was that he would retire then in any event.

Illyworth might have good reason to feel betrayed by Devon Malcolm's attitude in South Africa, and to feel

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- A trainee proceeding a member causes apprehension (5)
- Give voice about prime suspect smirking (9)

Down

- A head holding exercise will ensure fitness (7)
- Sheep and hares maybe on a heath (9)
- Dull child, but game (5)
- To restrict the drink makes good sense (9)
- Left in the bag, which is careless (5)
- Shedding tears about certain precious possessions (9)
- The ear-shell some poor mermaid lost (5)
- A girl filled with enthusiasm for cotton fabric (7)

14 Where food is provided for men at work (9)
16 A limiting factor when father set about breaking mare (9)
17 An Australian, one with spirit, interrupting a bore (9)
18 Established way of procedure in the main (3-4)
20 Turn aside to poke about some craft (7)
22 Operative against cutting a rest (5)
23 Control the beast (5)
24 The day before is about all right to call up (5)

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Parenthood is still too fraught an idea. "I can drive myself crazy wondering about my child," she says, "and I fear that would become a time-bomb if I had a child. I know it's no good to have a child to heal my wounds."
 Angela Neustatter interviews Anna Reynolds

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